



LADY FERN
Athyrium Filix-femina

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Located in wet thickets, meadows and swamps throughout the Division. One of the most variable of species of ferns with many geographic varieties and minor vegetative forms. Also known as Female Fern and Backache Brake.

A perennial by slender, creeping or ascending root-stocks. The stalks fragile, furrowed, tufted, straw-colored to brownish or reddish; 15 to 30 cm long. Fronds are broadly oblong to lance-shaped, narrowing to the tip; 0.15 to 1 m long; much "branched" (pinnae) with numerous divisions (pinnules) on each pinna; pinna alternate narrowing to the tip, short-stalked below, stalkless above; 10 to 20 cm long; pinnules oval or oblong - lance-shaped, lobed or toothed, those near the tip joined.



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